

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The enclosed page with Fig. 10 corrects the reference numerals 74, 76 and the enclosed page with Fig. 12 corrects the section lines for the gel.

REMARKS

Claims 21-22, 25-26, 29, 37 and 39 were amended to remove informalities, as pointed out by the Examiner. Claims 21-40 are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

The disclosure was likewise amended to correct the informalities raised by the Examiner.

Figs. 10 and 12 were revised, as shown in the amended figures in the Appendix, to obviate the objections to the drawings.

Petition is hereby made for a one-month extension of the period to respond to the outstanding Official Action to November 25, 2003. A check in the amount of \$110.00, as the Petition fee, is enclosed herewith. If there are any additional charges, or any overpayment, in connection with the filing of the amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such deficiency, or credit any such overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-1145.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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